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Attached for filing is the patent application of:

Inventor: VIVIER et al

Entitled: POLYPEPTIDES ASSOCIATED WITH ACTIVATOR
 RECEPTORS AND THEIR BIOLOGICAL APPLICATIONS

and including attachments as noted below:

Newly executed Declaration, Copy of Declaration from prior application, Abstract
 46 pages of specification and claims (including pages numbered 36-41 with claims 1-30 and pages numbered 36-40 with claims 1-25 (MODIFIED PAGE), and
 26 sheets of accompanying drawing/s.

Priority is hereby claimed under 35 U.S.C. § 119 based on the following foreign applications:

Application Number	Country	Day/Month/Year Filed
97/05411	France	30 April 1997
98/00927	France	28 January 1998
PCT/FR98/00883		April 30, 1998

, respectively, the entire content of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application..

Certified copy(ies) of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)). See, attached Notification of Acceptance dated 3 February 2000.
 This application is a continuation/ division/ continuation-in-part of Application No. 09/403,980, filed January 19, 2000, which is a 371 U.S. national phase of PCT/FR98/00883, filed April 30, 1998, which designated the U.S., the entire contents of each of which is hereby incorporated by reference in this application.
 Petition filed in prior application to extend its life to insure co-pendency.
 The prior application is assigned to INSTITUT NATIONAL DE LA SANTE ET DE LA RECHERCHE MEDICALE (INSERM), Paris Cedex 13, France.
 It is hereby requested that the Examiner consider the art cited in the parent application by applicant and/or the Examiner for the reasons stated therein. A listing of that art is attached.
 Please enter the attached and/or below preliminary amendment prior to calculation of filing fee:

Also attached: Information Disclosure Statement; Nucleotide and/or Amino Acid Sequence Submission; Other: Information Disclosure Statement; PTO-1449 Form; Preliminary Amendment; Copy of marked-up pages (figures w/annotations filed 10/29/99); Copy of Declaration filed 1/19/00; Copy of Declaration filed 3/20/00; Request to the Chief Draftsperson; Request re Sequence Listing; Copy of Sequence Listing from parent application SN 09/403,980; Copy of Certificate of Translation from parent application SN 09/403,980

FILING FEE IS BASED ON CLAIMS AS FILED LESS ANY HEREWITH CANCELED

Basic Filing Fee	\$	750.00
Total effective claims 25 - 20 (at least 20) = 5 x \$ 18.00	\$	90.00
Independent claims 2 - 3 (at least 3) = 0 x \$ 84.00	\$	0.00
If any proper multiple dependent claims now added for first time, add \$280.00 (ignore improper)	\$	0.00
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Any future submission requiring an extension of time is hereby stated to include a petition for such time extension.

The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any deficiency, or credit any overpayment, in the fee(s) filed, or asserted to be filed, or which should have been filed herewith (or with any paper hereafter filed in this application by this firm) to our **Account No. 14-1140**. A duplicate copy of this sheet is attached.

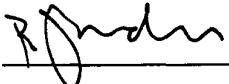
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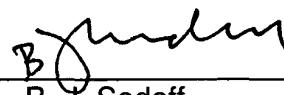
REQUEST TO THE CHIEF DRAFTSPERSON

Authorization is requested to amend Figure 16 to add the material underlined by handwritten text in the attached new Figure 16. No new matter has been added by this amendment for the reasons noted in the attached Preliminary Amendment. These amendments were accepted in the parent application Serial No. 09/403,980 and authorization to amend the figure in the present application is requested.

Respectfully submitted,

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